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Storm batters California, SLO

Storm pelts SoCal, rain hits record

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Soggy Southern California was swamped Tuesday by an inch-an-hour deluge that slopped mud into homes, sent rivers over banks and forced dramatic helicopter rescues of people caught by flood waters.

There was one unconfirmed account of an apparent death.

Transient George Struck, plucked by helicopter from the raging Ventura River after a wall of water wiped out a riverbottom homeless encampment, said an unidentified friend was swept away.

"I tried to help him, man, but it was too swift. I couldn't grab him. He just went down," said Struck. "I was coming close to dying. I felt it. I felt it."

About a dozen people were hoisted from the river or off islands.

Highway and railroad routes were submerged, creating a transportation nightmare, as 8 inches of rain pounded some areas and winds gusted to 93 mph as another fierce Pacific Ocean storm system pounded the West Coast.

The latest in a weeklong series of Japan-to-California storms closed highways because of water, mud and rock up to 6 feet deep. Ninety miles of railroad track between Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo were submerged, forcing cancellation of Amtrak service.

Eight inches of rain fell on San Marcos Pass north of Santa Barbara, a record 7.09 inches in Santa Barbara, 6.7 inches in Santa Paula, 4.7 inches in the Woodland Hills area of Los Angeles and 3.48 inches in Malibu.

"This was a 500-year rain event," said Gary Ryan of the National Weather Service.

By midmorning 53,000 cubic
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Tony Cook, right, and Jerome Wheat from Detailed Carpet Care lift saturated carpet foam from a Mustang Village apartment / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Floods threaten student dwellings

By Justine Frederiksen
Daily Staff Writer

Rising creek waters and pouring rains greeted Cal Poly students and staff Tuesday, flooding homes and causing minor damage as the latest storm to hit San Luis Obispo dropped almost 4 inches of rain in a 24-hour period.

San Luis Obispo residents living near the San Luis Obispo Creek on Dana Street experienced tense moments Tuesday morning as the rising waters drew them out of their beds and put them on alert.

"My house didn't flood, but it came dangerously close," said Ben Beesley, assistant director of alumni relations. Beesley lives on the 400-block of Dana Street.

"My neighbor woke me up at 12 a.m. because the river had risen 6 feet in an hour," he said.

Three hours later, Beesley said, he and his neighbors stood outside together, talking and keeping an eye on the creek.

"It was cool," he said. "You could stand and see this river rushing by full of branches and huge tree stems."

Beesley said that by 4 a.m., the creek had dropped enough that they felt their houses were no longer in danger, and he and his neighbors went back to bed. Closer to campus, at the student-apartment complex Mustang Village, rain flooded several apartments.

"We have had some minor flooding," said Lynne Gibbs, assistant manager in charge of maintenance.

Gibbs said they were still assessing the damage, but by Tuesday morning, Mustang Village had only minor water damage to

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Heavy rains pound Northern California

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

GUERNEVILLE — Deadly storms lashed Northern California again Tuesday, flooding more riverside communities, cutting major highways and crushing two people beneath falling trees.

Army National Guard Chinook helicopters plucked more residents out of isolated Guerneville as the Russian River crested at 17 feet above flood stage.

Brothers Brian and Dave Ridley were on one of the first flights out. They were cold and hungry.

"Our house is gone," Dave said. "I've been inside my truck for three days."

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Dave Ridley
California flood victim

Richard Cory made the flight clutching his terrified dog Shasta. He said he abandoned his home after his garage and basement submerged.

"I got to smelling about as bad as the dog, and I was out of water," Cory said.

The rains eased around Guer-

neville on Tuesday, but storms pounded other areas and new flooding was reported.

More than a foot of rain has fallen in some parts of the region since Friday, accompanied by wind gusts of up to 78 mph, forcing 3,000 people out of their homes.

Placer County reported "devastation" in the city of Roseville, saying 750 homes have been affected by the flooding as waters continue to rise above the 100-year flood plain.

Two motorists were killed in separate incidents in Sonoma and Monterey counties when the storm knocked trees down on

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California deluge close to home for many students

By Franco Castaldini
and Maria T. Garcia
Daily Staff

Several Cal Poly students are carefully watching the flooding situation in Northern and Southern California as storms continue to dump rain and wreak havoc.

Crop science freshman Ned Hill said he is continually phoning his family in Napa, which has been hit hard from the flooding.

"My dad has been working all day today trying to clear creeks where trees have fallen,"

Hill said. "I know of one house that has been completely flooded. My parents aren't that worried, but it is a major inconvenience."

Flash flood warnings were issued for both Sonoma and Napa counties, and Gov. Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency for Sonoma, Lake, Tehama and Humboldt counties.

If the rain continues, Hill said, the flooding in Napa could become worse than the flood of 1986.

"This time it is as bad as it
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47 school days remaining in winter quarter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Seventy percent chance of rain and showers

TOMORROW'S WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, chance of showers

Today's high/low: 62/49 Tomorrow's high/low: NA/NA

Financial Aid Filing Times

Interested students can now apply for financial aid for the 1995-1996 school year. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Poly Scholarship Application are available at the Financial Aid Office in Administration Building 212.

The applications also are available at the Health Center, Kennedy Library, Disabled Student Services, Student Academic Services and the Counseling Center.

To be considered for all state and federal aid programs and for Cal Poly scholarships, students must meet the priority filing deadline of March 2, 1995.

If you have any questions, call 756-2927.

TODAY

Understanding Mutual Funds Lecture • Paso Robles Centennial Park Conference Room, 600 Nickerson Dr. Call to reserve a space, 3-5 p.m. — 239-7231 or 543-2364

Engineering Council Meeting • U.U. Room 220, 5 p.m.

Women's Council of the State University Planning Meeting • U.U. 219, 12 p.m.

Wheelmen Cycling Club Meeting • Building 52-E27, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Physics Colloquium • Lecture on "Snow Avalanches and Physics," Bldg. 52-E45, 11 a.m.

Resume and Cover Letter • Career Services, Room 224, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda Items: c/o Cindy Webb, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Fax: 756-6784

Wilson reveals state budget

New plan allows a little breathing room for CSUs, but extra funds aren't expected to halt fee hikes

By John Howard
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete Wilson announced a California budget on Tuesday that should pump slightly more money into the California State University system, although it is not expected to prevent impending fee hikes.

Wilson, bowing to what he said was the public's will, proposed a \$56.3 billion budget that dramatically cuts welfare and forces counties to pick up a fourth of the tab, while reducing corporate and personal income taxes.

The Republican governor, offering his first budget since his overwhelming re-election victory, proposed a 4.5 percent increase for education and a \$413 million, 13.4 percent boost for the Department of Corrections. As in the current year, the budget spends about \$41.7 billion from the state's General Fund, the main coffer of sales, income and other taxes.

His latest budget is 2.1 percent bigger than the current \$55.14 billion budget.

It increases per capita spending of \$1,717.40 for each of California's 32.8 million residents, up \$1.88 per resident over the current year.

Wilson's 1995-96 spending plan also assumes the federal government will provide about \$732 million to partially defray

the costs of illicit immigration — about a fourth of the amount the administration says California is owed.

He described the document, its revenues based on a rosy economic outlook, as a reflection

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Gov. Pete Wilson

of his administration's priorities, and it was clear his highest priorities are boosting businesses and cutting government payments to the poor.

It also offers a "four-year compact" to the California State University and the University of California, providing set funding over four years to allow the schools to do advance budgeting.

"The key to the budget is its multi-year approach. It's unprecedented. He (Wilson) is saying this year there is about a 2.7 increase, plus 4 percent each year over the next three years," said CSU spokesman Steve McCarthy.

But that increase won't be enough to allow trustees to rescind a 10 percent fee hike to take effect in September, boosting annual tuition to more than \$1,700, McCarthy said.

Overall, California's colleges and universities get an average 3 percent increase in their budgets, from a combined annual total of \$8.92 billion to \$9.19 billion.

His welfare proposal — rejected in part by voters as Proposition 165 in 1992 — would cut Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments immediately by 10 percent, cut them again by an additional 15 percent after six months, then eliminate them altogether after two years. Food stamps would be increased.

He said he would take his case directly to the public if the Legislature balks.

"I think the public agrees with us ... and I think that California has been very generous with respect to public assistance," Wilson said.

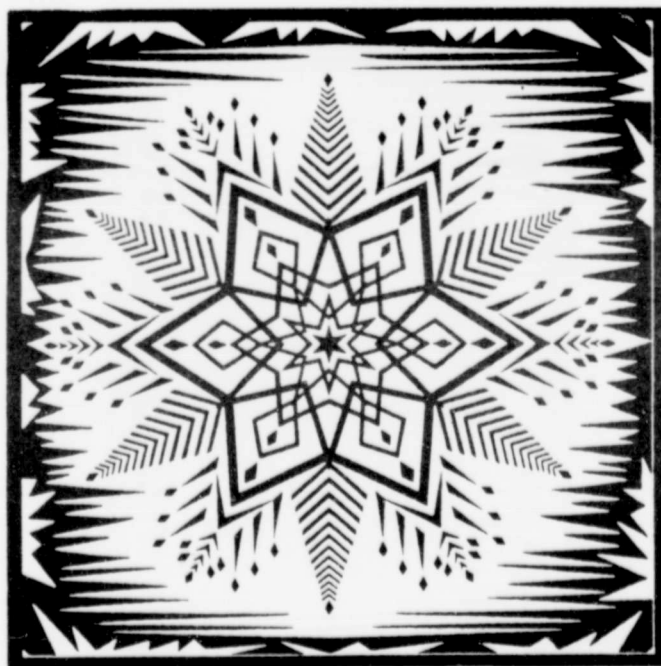
Counties would pay 25 percent of the AFDC cost. In return, the state would give them grants for local services and encourage efficient spending, according to Finance Department Director Russ Gould. The state also would pick up a greater share of trial court funding, while turning over all court fines, fees and forfeitures to the counties.

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El Corral, multi-media group join forces

By Amy Rasbach
Daily Staff Writer

Two Foundation departments, Visual Education Productions (VEP) and El Corral Bookstore, have merged to bring evolving instructional technology to the bookstore.

Cal Poly's Foundation Board of Directors approved the merger back in November.

According to VEP's Director Rick Smith, VEP's products are now available to faculty and students through the bookstore. VEP has produced educational videos, slides and publications for the past 40 years, Smith said.

While products can't be bought at El Corral, catalogs which feature multi-media products are available. Smith also is El Corral's new Academic Media Specialist.

The videos are designed for use primarily by educators in agriculture, horticulture and vocational education programs. One such program, VEP's "America the Bountiful" video series, with host Ed Begley, Jr., has been airing on Public Broadcasting Service television stations since late 1993.

Smith said he has joined forces with other Cal Poly faculty members to make the videos.

"We work with the faculty here to develop video products for possible marketing in our catalog," Smith said.

Smith added that most professors are involved with agriculture and horticulture, since the videos cater to these areas. Smith said VEP videos feature ideas stemming from many Cal Poly senior projects. The video production often is assisted by

faculty, he said.

VEP's catalog is mailed to more than 100,000 schools and libraries worldwide. Twenty-eight countries receive VEP videos, Smith said.

According to environmental horticulture professor Steve Angley, the merger will make the videos more available to students. Angley was involved with some of the VEP projects.

"Most people have never heard of us because on campus we are really hard to find. But people around the world watch us ... This gives us a chance to focus inward and let people know about Cal Poly."

Rick Smith
Visual Education Production
Director

"I use (the videos) on a regular basis, putting them on reserve in the library so students can watch them outside of class," Angley said.

"But only one copy is usually on reserve for a class of 40," Angley said. "Now, (because of the merger) students will have better access to (the videos if they want to buy them)."

Angley said he uses VEP because of the involvement of Cal Poly faculty members. The facul-

ty advises the production so that information in the videos is accurate and up-to-date, he said. Angley said the videos also relate to the courses he teaches.

Smith explained that VEP benefits the faculty by helping them come up with relevant and effective materials.

"If (the) faculty are looking for something, we will help them find special items, or create demonstrations so they are exposed to leading-edge technology," Smith said.

Smith also said the merger helps the bookstore become more customized. He said he foresees a time when custom course packs on CD-ROM will be available at El Corral, making textbooks seem like a "very expensive dinosaur."

The offering of production services through El Corral is also a possibility, Smith said.

"If, for example, an instructor was working on a multimedia project, we'd be able to offer advice and then hopefully market the video," he said.

Before the merger, VEP products were only available through Kennedy Library and Communication Services.

Smith said the merger won't change existing VEP services. VEP will still produce videos, Smith said.

"VEP will move towards helping El Corral handle its future instructional technology needs," he said.

"Most people have never heard of us because on campus we are really hard to find," Smith added. "But people around the world watch us ... This gives us a chance to focus inward and let people know about Cal Poly."

Chechen rebels scramble to bury comrades; cease-fire in shambles

By Barry Renfrew
Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia — Chechen rebels scrambled Tuesday to bury comrades' white-shrouded corpses and reinforce their presidential palace during a cease-fire that collapsed in hours, heralding more fighting ahead.

The proposed 48-hour truce, announced by Moscow early Tuesday, was designed to allow both sides to gather dead and wounded while civilians fled Grozny.

But it proved a fleeting pause in the battle for the Chechen capital, devastated by a month-long siege and 11 days of a Russian ground attack launched to quell a secessionist uprising.

Sniper fire sounded throughout the truce, which

crumbled after four hours when salvos of Russian artillery slammed into the city center. Each side immediately blamed the other.

Chechen officials, rejecting Moscow's cease-fire terms as an ultimatum, again insisted on a Russian withdrawal before they would lay down their arms.

The bloodshed showed no sign of abating. Dozens of heavily armed Chechen fighters sheltered in the ravaged palace, where fighting has focused for days, ruled out peace or compromise.

The nine-story palace has withstood hundreds of shells and bullets, and whole floors have collapsed. Huge shell craters pock the surrounding square, and burned-out Russian armored vehicles litter the area.

BUDGET: Welfare system to see broad cuts

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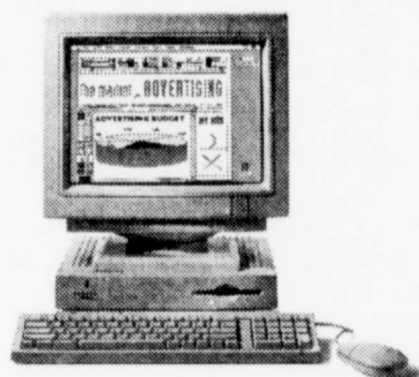
The budget proposes eliminating a host of optional Medi-Cal services, such as podiatry and adult dental services, and cut supplemental payments to the poor.

"It is essentially a negative message full of punishment for people that do not fit his world view rather than an uplifting effort to move California forward, to provide a positive program for California's future," said Senate President Pro Tem Bill Lockyer, D-Hayward.

The 15 percent income tax cut, worth \$7.6 billion over three years, along with a \$12 billion increase in kindergarten-through-community college funding through 1999, would be financed by an anticipated surge in revenues from California's rebounding economy.

Wilson's proposed tax cuts would start next Jan. 1, ultimately cutting taxes by \$285 a year for a single taxpayer with \$40,000 in taxable income, or \$548 annually for a family of four with \$80,000 in taxable income.

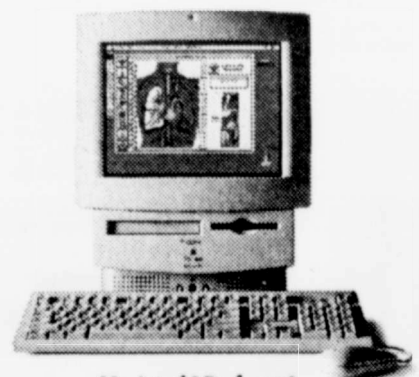
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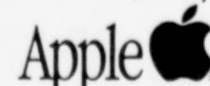
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Mark Mason
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California needs chemical pesticides

Every day Americans eat an average of 1.5 grams of pesticides. Plants produce 99.99 percent of the pesticides we eat every day. That means we ingest 10,000 times more natural pesticides than synthetic pesticides daily.

Nature's pesticides are produced by plants to combat weeds, fungi, insects and vertebrate predators. The more pressure the plant gets from any of these, as you would see on an organic farm, the more toxins will be produced by the plant in order to survive pest attacks.

Lima beans, for example, naturally produce a total of 23 different pesticides. When grown in a pest-free environment, they contain 200 parts per million (ppm) of pesticides. But if the plant is grown in a stressed environment, the pesticide concentration can raise to 3,300 ppm. Therefore a plant that is grown in an environment that is weed, insect and disease-free will produce less of its own chemical because it has nothing to defend against.

Because these are natural pesticides doesn't mean they're harmless. All of the pesticides farmers apply to their crops have been tested for the amount of carcinogens, whereas most natural ones have not.

Cabbage contains 49 natural pesticides, and only two have been lab tested. Lima beans contain a completely different assortment of 23 natural pesticides. Roasted coffee contains 826 volatile chemicals including 16 which cause cancer in rats and mice. These carcinogens amount to 40 ppm.

We ingest more natural carcinogens in one cup of coffee, about 10mg, than we do synthetic carcinogens in one year. We could eat another two grams per day of natural untested carcinogens by eating food that has been slightly burned during the cooking process.

I think that synthetic chemicals get a bad rap because they have had bad press in the past, like the Alar scare started by the Natural Resource Defense Council and fueled by "60 Minutes". You might remember Meryl Streep proclaiming that Alar, a plant growth regulator, was "poisoning our kids," when in fact a person would have to eat 28,000 apples a day for an entire lifetime to ingest the amount of Alar the Natural Resource Defense Council said they found. But still Alar was banned.

More People die every year by driving cars, smoking, falling off ladders, playing with toys, stepping in buckets or falling than from pesticides. I am not advocating that you stop eating burned food, organic food or to stop using buckets and ladders. To be alive is to be at risk. A risk-free society is not only impossible, but if it were possible no one could afford to live in it.

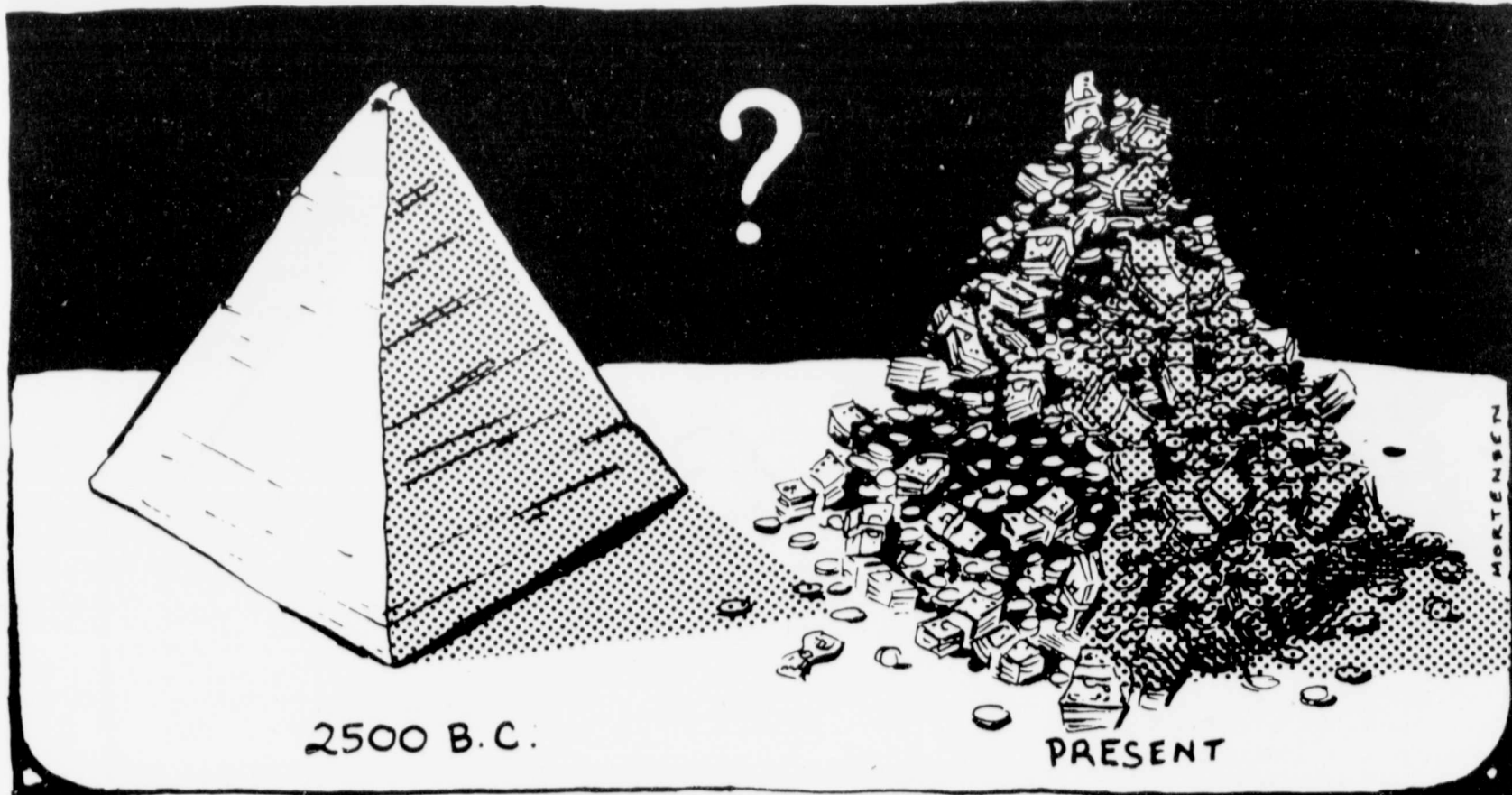
Some pesticides are essential to California agriculture. Pesticides are used to stabilize crop yield, protect the nutritional integrity of food, facilitate storage to assure year-round supply, and to make the food appealing. If it were not for these chemicals, 40 percent of the food supply would be in jeopardy. Remember that just because pesticides are used does not mean that there is residue on your food.

California produces the safest, cheapest, most abundant food in the world and has for 46 years. California's farmland is 3 percent of the nation's farmland but feeds 55 percent of the nation. In 1993, agriculture brought California \$70 billion in related economic activity. Remember, if you are going to complain about farming, don't do it at the dinner table.

Mark Mason is a crop science senior.

OPINION

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK



From Big Rocks to Big Deficits

By Dawn Pillsbury

One enduring mystery of humankind is why our ancestors were so bloody stupid.

No offense — they are my ancestors too — but they did so many idiotic things that one can't help but wonder if most of us are descended from aliens. Those who take Sally Jesse Raphael seriously are exempted from this, of course.

One thing in particular that bugs me is all the big rocks — you know, those "Wonders of the World" that are generally big rocks piled together. How people who hauled huge rocks by hand for hundreds of miles to praise the greater glory of some king or pharaoh evolved into people who can't walk five feet to change the channel is beyond me.

Perhaps we've sublimated our ancestral urge to pile big rocks into various shapes into amassing the largest national debt the universe has ever seen.

I'm going to nominate the United States' federal deficit as the whatevereth Wonder of the Modern World.

Yes, that sounds right. Who's in charge of this "Wonders of the World" thing? The pope? Mother Theresa? Paul Rubens? I'm going to nominate the United States' federal deficit as the whatevereth Wonder of the Modern World. It's just as effective as any black hole and probably bigger.

Anyway, you have to be dumbfounded by the sheer stupidity of the people we came from. And our stupidity

for thinking such things are so wonderful. Take the pyramids, for instance. That is a bunch of truly size-enhanced rocks. But maybe it is really an example of extremely enlightened foresight. Maybe the ancient Egyptians knew that modern tourists would make souvenirs of anything small enough to fit in their luggage.

Were our ancestors the greatest practical jokers the world has ever seen?

"Ha, ha," they said. "Let's see these pineapple shirt-wearing lumps of camel dung fit this into their Samsonite coach bags!"

Similar thinking was probably responsible for Stonehenge.

"Ha, ha," they said as they hauled the last big rock into place. "Watch those picture taking dorks take on of these babies. Let's go get a brewski."

Were our ancestors the greatest practical jokers the world has ever seen? If these things are just a joke, then why do we have to learn about them? Why should I take Introduction to Mysteries of the Past and listen to the professor theorize about socioeconomic ramifications when what we're studying is the ancient equivalent of a joy buzzer?

I suppose we'll never know what the Mayan temples or the Parthenon were really for.

But maybe, just maybe, Elvis knows.

Dawn Pillsbury is a journalism junior. This is her second quarter writing for the Daily.

LETTERS

Letter lacked relevance and logic

re: "Cal Poly welcomes minorities," Jan. 9

Kenneth Long's letter is a combination of irrelevant information, fallacious reasoning and empty rhetoric. First, of what relevance to the issue of whether Cal Poly does or does not "welcome minorities" is the belief that the university "is considered to be the single most prestigious college in the California State University system"? The opening paragraph is simply a lengthy non sequitur.

In the second paragraph Mr. Long refers to "a perceived lack of minority students." By this statement one may be lead to believe the issue is "perception" of what's happening in campus admissions as opposed to the fact that "minority" admissions have decreased in recent years. The author completes his second paragraph by making reference to "qualifications of each individual student" as if that has anything to do with the subject of whether this university welcomes minority students or not. He seems to be arguing that if the numbers of minority students are down, it's probably related to their "lack of qualifications" for admission, but he is unwilling to make the claim directly. There is no evidence to support such an implication so the author just "lets it ride."

In his third paragraph Mr. Long states: "If a minority student feels uncomfortable coming to Cal Poly simply because the majority of students have light skin, then he is also guilty of racial prejudice." What's the logic behind this assertion? If I'm uncomfortable as a non-smoker in a

room with lots of smokers does that mean I'm "prejudiced" against smokers? Obviously not! Racial prejudice or any type of prejudice is rooted in a prejudgment about people based on a lack of information. Usually the term "prejudice" is associated with negative stereotyping that occurs between members of all different races and ethnicities.

Paragraph four concludes with a positive claim which lacks any supporting evidence whatsoever. The author simply asserts "I say Cal Poly is already welcoming minority students with open arms." Why should anyone take the author's word on the subject?

Finally, Mr. Long trivializes the argument of the previous writer ("Cal Poly Needs More Minorities," Jan. 5) by his patronizing comment: "Now, let's stop worrying so much about what color the students of Cal Poly happen to be and start concerning ourselves with what really matters." The author implies that he knows "what really matters" while the rest of us are in the dark: "It's what's on the inside that counts." What the concluding words mean is anyone's guess. Changes in behavior that lead to a more welcoming atmosphere for people regardless of race or ethnicity would be considerably more beneficial to the every-day life on this campus than empty references to "what's on the inside."

Phillip L. Fetzner
Associate professor, political science

Homeless plucked from storm-swollen rivers

Associated Press

VENTURA, Calif. — Rescuers clung to swaying ropes Tuesday as helicopters lowered them into storm-swollen rivers to pluck trembling campers and their dogs from the raging flows.

"I was coming close to dying," said George Struck, draped in a blanket and shaking violently after he was pulled from ram-paging Ventura River. "I felt it. I felt it."

At least 20 people were pulled from the Ventura and nearby Santa Clara rivers just before they empty into the Pacific Ocean. At least three were hospitalized for hypothermia.

Some were rescued by deputies dangling from helicopters, while others were saved by deputies who swam into the

muddy waters attached to safety lines, or were pulled by ropes from islands of underbrush to bridges overhead.

No one would speculate how many people weren't as lucky. Sheriff's Sgt. Bruce Hansen said he had heard that one person may have been swept away on a raft from which another man was saved, but he couldn't confirm that.

"I don't know if we've lost anybody yet," he said. "How could I guess that?"

Many of those rescued were residents of homeless encampments along the river bed. They had been warned on Monday to move to higher ground, but few listened.

"Everything they own is

down there," said Ventura City Fire Capt. Mike Maher. "They want to go back in there."

One woman heading for the river bed Tuesday to check on a friend was specifically told not to go, said Ventura city spokeswoman Debbie Solomon. She went anyway, and had to be rescued by helicopter before being arrested.

Jan Clover, 43, of Oxnard was booked for investigation of entering a disaster scene after being ordered to leave, Solomon said.

As rescuers pulled Clover from the water, they also rescued her friend Mary White, 51, and White's dog. The dog was one of at least three pulled from the waters by helicopter, Maher said.

Stronger jet stream will seal state's soggy fate

By Jane E. Allen
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An abnormally strong jet stream with a strong southwesterly flow is responsible for California's pommeling from winter storms and floods, meteorologists said Tuesday.

Recent behavior of the jet stream, the region of very strong winds in the upper atmosphere that drives weather patterns, sealed the state's soggy fate.

In December, meteorologists detected a big change over the Pacific and North America. A stronger-than-normal jet stream extending across the Pacific from east of Japan to the western states shifted from north of normal to south of normal, said

Gerry Bell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Climate Analysis Center in Camp Springs, Md.

"That shifts the whole storm track south of normal and makes it stronger," Bell said.

The other crucial factor in setting up California's storms was the direction of the prevailing winds: California gets heavy rain when jet stream winds come from the southwest.

Although some reports have said the current jet stream is split, Bell said there was a single jet stream "sitting off the California coast, driving one major storm after another," and some weaker winds north of the jet stream, heading up to western British Columbia and southern Alaska.

FLOODS: Southern California residents endure yet another disaster

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feet of water per second flowed down the Los Angeles River at a monitoring point in South Gate.

A wind gust hit 93 mph atop Black Mountain near Templeton, 220 miles northwest of Los Angeles, the weather service said, and gusts to 54 mph atop Laguna Peak above Point Mugu, 60 miles west of Los Angeles.

Forecasters said another storm was due Friday.

In the Hollywood Hills, an elderly couple were sleeping when mud swept a tree into their home. Harry Grebb, 71, and his wife, Arnella, 72, were in good condition at Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, said hospital spokeswoman Stephanie Dean.

"The tree came right into the bedroom, hit them in the bed," said their son, Bob Grebb. "It sealed shut the door to the bedroom that leads into the hallway, and I couldn't get to them."

Misery was widespread: Several houses and a restaurant were damaged by floodwaters near Atascadero; water invaded businesses in Santa Margarita, Goleta and Santa Barbara; and

some 200 homeless were routed from encampments along the Ventura and Santa Clara rivers.

In Glendale, nine Verdugo Mountains homes on Wonder-view Drive and Aspen Oak Lane were evacuated because runoff undermined the hillside, said police Officer Rod Brooks. Nearby, mud oozed into the hillside home of Jeff Deeter.

Forty-three people at a convalescent home in Santa Barbara were evacuated to Cottage Hospital as runoff invaded before dawn, said police Sgt. Brian Abbott.

Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu was closed by a batter of mud and rock. At Las Flores Canyon, a raging creek overwhelmed cars, and motorists abandoned vehicles as they filled with water. The flow undermined Cosentino's Nursery, which collapsed into the roiling creek at 1 p.m.

"It's really hard to see all this. I grew up in this store. When I was a kid, a little baby, I crawled around there," said owner Joey Cosentino.

The swollen Ventura River engulfed the evacuated Ventura Beach RV Resort, where two

motor homes were swept out to sea in a fierce 1992 storm, and water 6 feet deep flowed over Highway 101 just west of Ventura.

Homeless people living in the Ventura River bottom were warned Monday by deputies using loudspeakers on helicopters that they should seek higher ground, but some stayed.

"No one bothered to evacuate while we hovered overhead, but we know they heard us because they flipped the pilots off," said sheriff's Lt. Dave Tennesen.

More than a dozen people were rescued Tuesday morning from the water or little islands after the river rose and turned into a torrent.

Ventura County helicopters plucked people stranded at the RV resort to safety. Grabbing harnesses and buffeted by the wash of helicopter blades, people were lifted 200 feet into the air and lowered onto the closed freeway.

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CALIFORNIA FLOODS

STORMS: Hundreds evacuated as rivers crest

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their vehicles.

More than 50,000 customers were without power in scattered communities along the coastline as the brunt of the storms moved south toward Central and Southern California, said Pacific Gas & Electric Co. officials.

The American Red Cross housed about 500 people in shelters dotting the region, said spokeswoman Beverly Butler.

"We're just making sure that everyone has a dry, warm place to stay," she said. "It's a pretty ferocious time for a lot of folks."

Gov. Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency for Sonoma, Lake, Tehama and Humboldt counties. Many local officials followed suit.

In Yountville, near Napa, 350 elderly people were temporarily evacuated when Hopper Creek spilled over its banks, sending four feet of water surging through mobile home parks.

"The darned rain just kept coming and coming and coming. It was scary," said Carl Thomas, 72, as he returned to Gateway Mobile Home Lodge.

In San Francisco, city officials

closed parts of Golden Gate Park, fearing uprooted trees would fall on visitors. But a homeless man named John shrugged off the storm as he stumbled out of the park Tuesday morning after spending the night in a grove of trees.

"It wasn't no blizzard," he said.

Two of San Francisco International Airport's four runways remained closed Tuesday because of high winds. The Federal Aviation Administration slowed traffic west of the Mississippi to avoid sky traffic snarls.

The San Francisco 49ers, their practice field a sodden quagmire, flew to Phoenix to prepare to take on the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday in the NFC championship game.

Across San Francisco Bay, busy commuter corridor Interstate 880 was flooded and shut down, turning into what local wags dubbed "Lake Fremont." Rain inundated the bottom floor of the Newark police department, coming within an inch of shorting out emergency communications.

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was in '86," Hill said. "It's going to get worse. There is just more rain coming."

Agriculture science freshman Rachel Colacchia said she spoke with her mother about flooding in Sonoma. According to Colacchia, downtown Sonoma has been flooded but residential areas have been protected from the rain.

Colacchia added that snakes near the Russian River have climbed trees, trying to flee saturated areas. It hasn't been a problem, she said, but a slight inconvenience for people walking under the trees.

She also said several roads and major highways have been closed in Sonoma due to the flooding. But Colacchia said her family is handling the situation and is not worried about evacuating.

Animal science freshman Tiffany Hosking, who is originally from Cobb Mountain in Lake County, said a tree fell on her family's storage shed and destroyed two cars. She attributed the tree's fall to the strong winds and saturated soil.

Sections of Hosking's hometown have been evacuated, she said. Hosking said she is not worried about her family, but is concerned with the problems they are facing.

While Northern Californians are keeping tabs on the storms and floods, other parts of the state also are in danger of flooding.

In Southern California, Malibu residents are running for safety as many houses are being flooded by overflowing rainwater. Many Santa Barbara residents and businesses were evacuated, according to Tuesday afternoon's news reports.

According to Ken Sargeant, a meteorologist at Santa Maria's National Weather Service, another pocket of rain was moving over Santa Barbara mid-afternoon Tuesday. The added rain could add to the woes of Santa Barbara residents, Sargeant said.

But for the family of Elizabeth Page, a education graduate student and volunteer coordinator for the Multicultural Center, things have not been as bad.

"My mother lives in Torrance and she is more worried about me," Page said. "I have to drive the (Cuesta) Grade. The area my mother is in hasn't been badly hit."

But the rain has caused some havoc for the family of city and regional planning sophomore Chris Francisco.

Francisco's father lives in Ceritos but works in Long Beach. He had to wait until midnight to drive home.

"All of the side streets were closed because of flooding," Francisco said. "But I'm not too worried about them."

Computer science senior Manuel Rodriguez' family lives in Oxnard, an area that has been hit hard by rain. But he said his parents are not worried about being evacuated due to flooding.

"It's bad," he said. "It hasn't stopped raining for a week, but it's not that bad yet."

• Daily Assistant Managing Editor Cynthia L. Webb contributed to this report



Tony Cook, front, and Jerome Wheat from Detailed Carpet Care pull up carpet in a flooded Mustang Village apartment / Daily photo by Juan Martinez

STUDENTS: Water-soaked carpets drying out

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the carpeting in some of the residences.

Gibbs said only Building 17 and Townhouse 58 were affected, and only two students had to be moved when their carpet was soaked with water. The students were moved to different apartment until the carpet dried, according to a Mustang Village official.

"We're very lucky here," Gibbs said. "It's not like it is down south or up north of us."

However, Jerome Wheat, a private contractor who was hired to help clean up the apartments, said there are at least 17 apartments with damage, although some reports placed the number as high as 25.

"I received a call at 9 o'clock this morning that 17 apartments needed to be cleared out," he said Tuesday while moving furniture off drenched carpet in one apartment. "We'll have to pull up the carpet and padding and air the places out all night. I'm sure there will be more (apartments flooded) by tomorrow."

Wheat said only five of the apartments would be ready for their occupants to move back into by Wednesday.

Wheat was working with fellow employee Tony Cook to clear bookcases and tables from computer engineering sophomore Vo To's apartment.

"I just woke up at 8 this morning and it was more wet in here than outside," To said. "There was one inch of water on the kitchen floor."

To said he was unsure if the carpet in the living room of his two bedroom apartment would be replaced.

"They said they wouldn't change it," To said of the

management. "I guess we'll just live it out."

Roommate Dui Huynh, an electrical engineering senior, said he and To planned to stay at a friend's apartment Tuesday night.

Gibbs refused to admit that more than two apartments had been flooded.

Higuera and Marsh streets were flooded around 4:30 Tuesday morning, but were cleared by 8 a.m., according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department dispatcher.

"We'll have to pull up the carpet and padding and air the places out all night."

Jerome Wheat
Private contractor

Highway 41 between Atascadero and Morro Bay — the area severely damaged by the Highway 41 fire last August — was reported closed Tuesday.

The Santa Maria National Weather Service reported that 3.8 inches of rain fell in the 24-hour period starting at 7 a.m. Monday and ending at 7 a.m. Tuesday. The forecast for Tuesday night predicted an inch to an inch and a half of rain for the San Luis Obispo area, and rain continuing throughout the week, with only partial clearing possible for Thursday and Friday.

Daily Assistant Managing Editor Lisa M. Hansen contributed to this report.

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STRUGGLES: Mustangs begin Division I, 0-13

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tasized about possible upsets, Beason said he tried to prepare for the worst.

"Knowing something intellectually and going through them are two different things," he said. "It's been rough on (the players), but all things considered, they've handled it really well."

Besides the mental anguish of losing 13 straight games, the Mustangs have been worn down some by a schedule which has put them on the road nine times already this season.

Last month Cal Poly was on the road 14 out of 17 days. And the more the Mustangs travel, the more practice time is sacrificed.

Freshman Pat Magee said he's had more than enough of the opposing crowds.

"It wasn't fun having the crowd at Santa Barbara chanting, '302' (Cal Poly's preseason ranking in 'Sporting News' magazine)," Magee said.

The obvious question, then, would be: Why schedule so many road games?

Answer: with Cal Poly in the struggling American West Conference, they're only guaranteed three home games. The rest of the home games Beason had to get on his own. He worked out contracts with West Coast Conference teams Portland and San Diego and Big Sky teams Idaho and Boise State for Cal Poly to play them twice — once at home and once on the road.

The away games with Arizona State, Stanford, UCSB, Boston College and the Met Life Classic in San Francisco where Cal Poly played LaSalle and Louisiana Tech were scheduled primarily because they guaranteed money for Cal Poly, according to Beason.

Stanford Assistant Coach Keith Larsen praised Beason

for arranging a schedule which included the Cardinals.

"If I was him, I would be taking the guaranteed money and use it to start building an established program," Larsen said.

That is essentially what Beason is doing. But all the while, his players are receiving a hard lesson in where they stand among premiere Division I programs.

"We knew it would be tough," Croy said. "But it was good to play teams like that to see how much we need to work in the off-season."

And judging by some of the performances, the Mustangs will have their work cut out for them this summer.

Establishing a Division I program is a grueling process — something the Mustangs are finding out.

And they don't have to look any farther than 300 miles away where Sacramento State is barely staying afloat in Division I. Since making the jump from Division II in 1991, the Hornets are a combined 11-83.

Hornets third-year Coach Don Newman is struggling to develop a program that can play consistently day in and day out.

"In Division I, you have to learn to crawl first, then you have to walk, and then you start running," Newman said.

So now, while his team learns to crawl, Beason can just hope he and his team survive the future struggles — of which there is sure to be many.

Describing this season as the most challenging he has ever faced, Beason refers to a famous coaching cliché by legendary Alabama football coach Bear Bryant.

"Tough times don't last," Bryant once said. "Tough people do."

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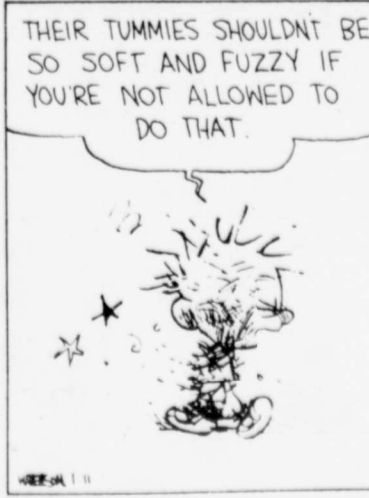
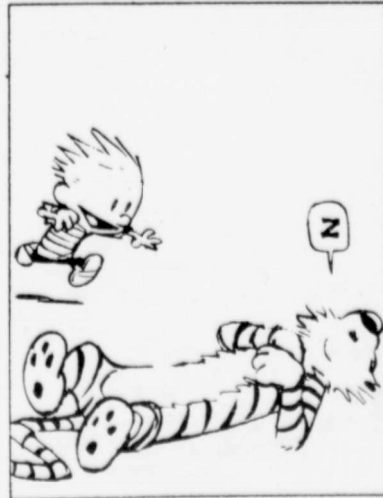
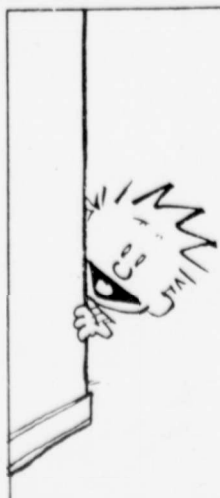
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Mustang women drop another one, lose to San Diego 76-52

By Rodney de la Cruz
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's basketball team was out-rebounded, out-shot and out-numbered in a 76-52 loss Sunday to the University of San Diego.

Down by seven at the half, Cal Poly watched the Torero's fresh-legged team outscore the Mustangs in the second half leading to the 12th loss in 15 games.

Cal Poly Coach Jill Orrock summed up the performance saying there was a combination of lack of offensive execution and defensive pressure.

"There was no offensive ex-

ecution (in the first half)," Orrock said. "I thought our execution picked up a little bit in the second half, but our feet were nailed to the ground."

Although junior guard Kellie Hoffman had left last Thursday's game early with a sprained ankle, the injured Hoffman led the Mustangs in scoring with 17 points and five rebounds. Hoffman concurred with Orrock on their recent loss.

"We didn't play defense and execute our offense," Hoffman said. "That's probably what it came down to."

Cal Poly grabbed an early lead when sophomore guard Mariah Volk hit a 3-pointer,

triggering some hope for the Mustangs.

Torero's senior guard Vicki de Jesus responded with a 3-pointer of her own, tying the game at 5-5.

Again, the Mustangs met the challenge when senior center Wendy Bruse hit a jumper to regain the lead 7-5.

But the lead was short-lived, and San Diego never fell behind again. By the end of the half, the Mustangs were down 29-22.

In the second half, the Toreros outscored the Mustangs 37-29 with the help of Serena Eiermann. Eiermann led all scorers with 21 points and 10 rebounds. She currently is San Diego's all-

time leading 3-point shooter and tossed in six 3-pointers against the Mustangs.

"I think we came out and pushed the ball on transition and made them play a full court game, which we like to do," Eiermann said.

"We made her look pretty good tonight," Orrock said. "You got to pay attention to people like that."

The hot-handed Toreros shot 49.2 percent from the field while the Mustangs shot 31.1 percent from the field.

"They played well I thought (and) maybe that (Kellie Hoffman) was getting a lot of good looks and good shots off," Eier-

mann said. "But I think our defense really helped her out a lot."

Senior forward Christine Rodness was second in team scoring with three rebounds and 12 points, all of which came in the second half.

A frustrated Orrock said another reason for their defeat was a shorthanded Mustang team.

The Mustangs have lost players due to injuries or ineligibility. Orrock hopes to get back freshman guard Christina Carrillo, junior center Sherron Lee, and senior guard Nikki Gannon, next week.

Life can be difficult in the new frontier

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The word "victory" is spoken often when talking about Cal Poly men's basketball — only because in 13 attempts, the team has yet to achieve one.

In a season characterized by mistakes, inconsistent play and a dwindling roster, an inexperienced Mustangs team is just about fed up with hearing that all too familiar word, "blowout."

But the frustration of remaining winless almost came to an end Saturday. Holding a 12-point lead over the University of Portland, it seemed the Mustangs were finally going to get that elusive first win. But when Portland took a 73-71 lead with five seconds left, Cal Poly's hopes of ending the losing streak were diminished. As senior guard Brandon Wilkerson's desperation fling bounced off the rim, so went Cal Poly's victory.

Despite the winless streak, Coach Steve Beason — who has received his share of heat from the media recently for his team's 0-13 record — is taking a realistic approach to this new



Ninth-year coach Steve Beason is facing his toughest season as he sees his team struggle in an 0-13 start / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

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frontier (Division I), saying there should not be anything surprising about his team's inability to beat established Division I programs.

"Anybody who thought Cal Poly was going to win Division I basketball games this year is either ignorant of college basketball or foolish," Beason said.

"Ignorant — maybe. Foolish — well, it would seem so."

But to think Cal Poly would be virtually blown out of every game this season except for two — an 87-71 loss to University of San Diego and last Saturday's two-point defeat to Portland — would have seemed premature.

While the drubbings by Arizona State (ranked 15th), Stanford, UC-Santa Barbara, and Boston College were expected, blowouts to Eastern Washington, Montana, Louisiana Tech and Boise State weren't.

Even the players, who, going into the season had low expectations themselves, didn't think it would be this hard to win a game.

"I didn't expect (to get) blown out this much," said freshman Frank Henderson, who has taken the role of point guard. Sophomore Shanta Cotright, last season's starting

point guard, became academically ineligible for the season.

"It's seems like our attitudes are horrible," Henderson said. "We come out and play, but when it seems like it's too hard, (the team) starts to quit."

While the team's attitude may add to the list of excuses, it's not the only explanation for their mediocre play through the first half of the season.

It's significant to note that the talent level hasn't surfaced. After all, some of Beason's players are walk-ons or recruits from the Division II level.

Also, the Mustangs are in their first year of play at the Division I level. And they weren't exactly tearing it up in Division II — the team amassed a combined record of 18-33 in the two previous seasons.

Then again, turning the ball over almost 10 times more per game than your opponent and shooting 38 percent through the first 12 games of the season reduces the chances of winning any game, no matter what division a team is in.

Beason is quick to point out that this is a young team —

four seniors, one junior, three sophomores and six freshmen — and his primary objective is to keep the players on a crash course that will make them competitive when they enter the Big West conference in 1996. This season, Beason expects to take his share of lumps.

"For this year, we want to be as good as we can be, and that's going to be at the end of the year," Beason said.

While he continues to try to recruit players and develop a system that will allow his players to gel together, Beason has to hurdle other obstacles.

Circumstances have occurred off the court beyond his control which have delivered damaging blows to a team which has taken more than its share of punches already this year.

After senior Leo Williams — a leading contributor last season — was ruled academically ineligible prior to this season, more bad news came from the NCAA. The governing board declared Cotright ineligible, claiming that classes he took at a junior college last

summer in Las Vegas were not transferable.

But it didn't end there. Following the news about Cotright, freshman Enoch Dix lost his eligibility for the remainder of the season after fall quarter's grades came out. Dix had started four games, and showed signs that he has the potential to be a marquee player. But now he'll have to wait until next year to prove himself.

Meanwhile, Henderson, freshmen Chris Ott and Jim Croy, and sophomore Damien Levesque have been shouldering the starting duties along with senior Bucky Tucker. And although the newcomers have made their share of mistakes, they have shown glimpses of skill that may eventually make them confident that they can walk into almost any arena and stroll out with a victory.

But while individuals have proved they can play with the higher echelon of teams, they didn't show an ability to work in sync with each other until the Portland game.

"Every time we would be down it was like, 'Oh here we go again.' We'd go in streaks where we played well," said Croy, the 6-foot, 7-inch forward. "That Portland game helped because it showed we could play well the entire game."

It was the same Portland team which manhandled the Mustangs 82-43 last month up in Portland, then lost by a scant four points to Big 10 powerhouse Michigan in overtime a week before coming to San Luis Obispo.

After the heartbreaking loss, Division III Menlo College — whom Cal Poly will be hosting Wednesday — couldn't be arriving at a more opportune time.

A solid win, and the painful woes of the first half of the season may begin to diminish. A loss, and the confidence level of the team may reach an all-time low.

Beason continues to downplay the pressure on his team to put up victories this season.

"The only expectations would be we're trying to set pretty high standards for the way we play," he said.

But don't think the losses haven't taken a toll on the ninth-year head coach, who has never opened a season losing the first 13 games.

"It's been hard, real hard," Beason said, referring to the losses.

While some players fan-

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Cal Poly women take second in UCI swim meet

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The men's and women's swimming team competed in the UC-Irvine invitational this past weekend with the women's team finishing second and the men finishing sixth in the three-day meet (Jan. 6-Jan. 8).

The women finished with 217 points, second behind UC-Berkeley which dominated the meet scoring 723 points. St. Bonaventure finished third with 172 points.

Cal Poly women's results: Sophomore Krista Kiedrowski finished third in the 50 meter freestyle (00:25.44), third in the women's 100 meter breaststroke (1:00.63), and third in the 200 meter backstroke (2:13.73).

Sophomore Kelli Quinn finished fifth in the women's 200-meter freestyle (1:39.70), sixth in the women's 100-meter breaststroke (1:10.09), sixth in the women's 200-meter breaststroke (2:32.37) and sixth in the women's 200-meter medley relay (2:17.74).

Freshman Monica Huszcz finished fourth in the women's 100-meter freestyle (00:56.03).

Freshman Kendra Degroot finished sixth in the women's 200-meter butterfly (2:18.33).

Freshman Wendy Winslow finished sixth in the women's 200-meter backstroke (2:13.75).

Coming off a Dec. 17 loss to UC-Berkeley in which they only scored 58 points, the Cal Poly men finished with 159 points this weekend to place them sixth among the nine teams which competed. Cal State Bakersfield won the meet with 351 points and University of Pacific finished second with 290 points. Wyoming, Alaska-Anchorage, and Cal State Northridge rounded out the top five.

The Mustangs finished ahead of the host Anteaters, Claremont-Mudd-Scripts and UC-Davis.

Cal Poly men's results: Freshman Ian Pyka finished third in the 400-meter individual medley (4:24.78) relay and fifth in the 200-meter backstroke (2:16.22).

Senior Bret Heintz finished sixth in the 100-meter butterfly (00:53.81).

Freshman Sean Fatooh finished third in the men's 100-meter breaststroke (1:02.08).

The men's and women's team will host Cal State Northridge and UC-Santa Cruz in a meet Saturday.